

THOMAS NEARS TWO-PARTY WIN

DiMiceli Near November Vote

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas was close to winning re-election at the primaries as counting of ballots continued yesterday, while Leonard DiMiceli was in a tight race with Democrat Cecil King, the incumbent, in a bid for nomination on the Republican ticket for Congress.

With 345 of the district's 360 precincts accounted for in unofficial tabulations, Thomas led Republican Tom Brewer by nearly 400 votes for nomination on the Republican ticket. Thomas won the Democratic nomination by a margin of more than 25,000 votes.

DiMiceli in Lead
With 621 of the 1141 precincts reported at 4 p.m. yesterday, Leonard DiMiceli, Republican candidate for the 17th Congressional District, had piled up a 5000-vote lead over incumbent Cecil King, a Democrat. King was ahead for the Democratic nomination by nearly 50,000 votes.

In local voting, Democrats joined forces with their party members throughout the state in giving solid backing to Democratic candidates.

Brown captured the popularity vote here about 9 to 5 over Knowland in voting for the state's top office, while Engle beat Knight in total votes by about 2000 votes. Knight polled strong on the Democratic ticket, getting more than 2000 votes, and swamped Brown and Christopher on the Republican ticket by a margin of two to one.

Strip Nixes Chavez
The Los Angeles Shoestrings Strip residents, the only local voters casting ballots on the Chavez Ravine issue, turned down the proposal, 804 to 672. Lomita voters gave Brown and Engle strong backing for the top posts at stake in the election, and at the same time backed Cecil King and Vincent Thomas solidly for re-election to their offices.

About 60 per cent of Torrance's 36,000 registered voters voted here Tuesday, a total nearly equal to that in Los Angeles where the baseball proposition brought many out to the polls.

Complete election returns for the area's officials will be published in next Sunday's HERALD.

Election Returns

Incomplete returns from Torrance's 152 precincts showed today that Torrance voters followed the trend in California in giving solid backing to Democratic candidates. Lomita and Los Angeles Shoestrings voters likewise gave Democratic candidates strong support.

TORRANCE

GOVERNOR

Democratic	
Brown	8787
Knowland	1431
Republican	
Brown	1553
Knowland	4890

SENATOR

Democratic	
Christopher	606
Engle	7276
Knight	2234
Republican	
Christopher	1845
Engle	574
Knight	3588

CONGRESS

Democratic	
King	9717
DiMiceli	413
Republican	
King	2907
DiMiceli	3143

ASSEMBLY

Democratic	
Thomas	8690
Brewer	326
Republican	
Thomas	1973
Brewer	2582

Area Wide Returns

CONGRESS

(621 of 1141 Precincts)	
Democratic	
King	52,270
DiMiceli	2,687
Republican	
King	13,831
DiMiceli	18,741

ASSEMBLY

(345 of 360 Precincts)	
Democratic	
Thomas	28,740
Brewer	983
Republican	
Thomas	5908
Brewer	5531

Student Sends Car Over Double Line; Kills Self, Injures Four

Police Search Suicide Motive

A desire to commit suicide may have prompted a North High School student to cross over the white line and crash into an oncoming vehicle Saturday night.

William James Pierce Jr., 18, of 17202 Elgar Ave., died a few hours following the crash. Officers reported the youth was seen previously making eight passes through the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Torrance Blvd., and at least three times running the red light at speeds estimated at 70 miles per hour.

Six Policemen Held Off by Gun Wielder

Pierce had been given a ticket by local officers less than an hour before the fatal accident occurred. Seriously injured in the accident were Jack D. Pherigo, 18, of 3944 W. 182nd St., driver of the other car. Passengers in Pherigo's auto were taken to Harbor General Hospital with head and chest injuries. They were Jerry Rocha, 18, of 3808-B W. 174th St., who was thrown out of the car, and Patrick Anthony Frattarole, 17, of 2614 W. 181st St.

The accident occurred at 10:35 p.m., and Pierce died three hours later at Harbor General. The collision marred the city's three-day week-end record of no traffic fatalities.

Other Accidents
In other accidents, Gary Lee Ostrander, 6, of 3114 Antonio St., was injured slightly when his bicycle collided with a car driven by Ellis Milo Hurn, 2918 Opal St.

Hurn was not held. The accident occurred Monday at Opal St. and Maple Ave. Sharon Kay Peitsmeyer, 16, of 17108 Falda Ave., and three passengers in the car she was driving were injured when the automobile went out of control and struck a utility pole near 3340 W. 182nd St. Monday.

Injured were Joan King, 15, of 17041 Crenshaw Blvd.; Linda Cruz, 14, of Los Angeles, and Deanna White, 14, of 3930 W. 176th St.

Ant Poison Causes Death
Police listed a fatal dose of ant poison as the cause of death of a 45-year-old local woman.

Mrs. Faye K. Pilgrim, 232 Calle Miramar, was taken to Riviera Hospital after she was discovered near death in her home.

Police revealed the woman had attempted suicide several times previously.

Mrs. Pilgrim is survived by her husband, Curtis Pilgrim. Funeral arrangements are being made by McCormick Mortuary in Redondo Beach.

Little League Booth Looted
Burglars broke into the Little League Park concession stand at 1735 Plaza Del Amo, police reported Monday.

Missing were a carton and a half of cigarettes, two gallons of grape juice, 25 boxes of candy, five boxes of gum and seven cases of pop.

Police also reported the burglars made a pot of coffee.

20-Cent School Tax Hike in Offing, Board Members Hear
The board at its first meeting on June 17, but the final budget will not be adopted until August. The tax rate to be adopted will depend on the district's assessed valuation, the exact amount of which will not be known until July. Observers expect an assessed valuation of about \$170,000,000 this year, about a 10 per cent increase over last year.

The 1958-59 school budget is higher than the 1957-58 budget because of the enrollment, which will increase by more than 2000 and because of inflation, Waldrip said. Estimated average cost of educating a child will be \$354.96 next year, as compared with \$337.08 this year. All categories of the budget reflected higher costs.



HOPE HOME . . . Hope Sunday headquarters for Torrance's door-to-door drive, scheduled for Sunday, will be the Chamber of Commerce building. Here, Chamber of Commerce Manager Dick Fitzgerald turns keys over to volunteers Mrs. Walter West (left) of 2034 Reynosa Dr., and Mrs. Paul Roettger, 23043 Doris Way. Funds are needed to continue and expand the City of Hope's patient care, research and postgraduate medical education programs.

Four Holdups Reported Here

Three strong arm robberies and one armed robbery netted bandits \$300 in Torrance Monday and Tuesday, police report.

Victims were two gas station attendants, a resident and a driver.

Chris Spreitz, service station employee, told police a masked bandit approached him in front of the station at 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. and forced him into a restroom and robbed him.

The masked bandit took \$43, with \$3.60 coming out of the victim's wallet. The rest of the money was in the cash boxes near the gasoline pumps.

The masked man searched Spreitz and took the keys to the boxes. He ordered the victim to stay in the restroom for five minutes.

Accosted by Pair
James Baker, 52, of 1819 Cabrillo Ave., lost \$50 from his wallet early Monday morning when he was accosted by two men.

Baker was just returning from a trip to the desert and as he pulled into his driveway a man approached him and asked for a ride to Redondo Beach.

When Baker refused, a second man jumped from behind nearby bushes and seized his arms. The first robber struck Baker several times and then removed the money from his wallet.

The victim broke away and ran toward Cabrillo Ave. with the two robbers in pursuit. The chase lasted only a short time and the men took off toward 218th St.

Foreed Off
Three men forced Frederic Everett Eakins of Wilmington off the highway on Newton St. near Hawthorne Ave. Monday. (Continued on Page 39)

Police Plan Bike Auction

A lot of bicycles are scheduled to find new owners Saturday morning when Torrance police officers hold an auction behind the station, Torrance Blvd. near Maple Ave.

More than 30 bicycles will be offered to the highest bidder.

Mounted Unit Wins Praise

Torrance Mounted Police Unit was awarded a ribbon Saturday in the 18th Annual Elks Parade in Santa Maria.

With Chief Percy Bennett leading the group, the local entry was named one of the outstanding mounted units in the parade.

This is the fourth consecutive time the Torrance unit has garnered awards in parades throughout the Southland.

Founder of Auto Firm Compiles Record of Community Service

Paul's Chevrolet, 1640 Cabrillo Ave., is celebrating its 11th year in Torrance, according to Paul Loranger, owner and founder of the firm.

"We are proud of our firm's contribution to the community and as well as of being the city's oldest automobile dealership," Loranger declared.

The automotive firm for the fourth year is sponsoring a Little League team, providing uniforms and equipment. In addition, seven cars are provided free of charge to the Torrance School District for use in driver education.

Sponsor Events
Paul's sponsors a soapbox derby each year and provides a car for the car clubs' economy run.

This year, for the first time, two \$300 scholarships to El Camino College are being awarded to local high school students.

Winners are Leroy D. Starbuck, 5002 Arvada St., and Melvin H. French Jr., of 340 Via Pasqual, Hollywood Riviera, Loranger revealed.

Loranger also cited his firm's record of surpassing its quota in both the Community Chest and the Red Cross annual drives.

Past President
A past president of the Chamber of Commerce, Loranger also has served as president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club and has been active in many other civic organizations. He was named "Citizen of the Year."

Citing the growth of his organization, the founder declared the company originally occupied 7800 square feet and has expanded to the current 81,000 square feet. A special anniversary section for Paul's Chevrolet appears exclusively in today's HERALD.

PAUL LORANGER Celebrates Anniversary

A Penny for your Thoughts

The HERALD's curious cameraman this week asked several persons the following question:

"How do you think European and American culture compare?"

Answering were:

Judy H. Lucy, employment interviewer, Manhattan Beach:

"They about equal one another. The culture of Europe was carried to America—it is older, of course. America is catching up, especially in the lighter vein."

Rosemary Fuehring, secretary, 340 Calle Miramar:

"The Europeans are more inclined to an appreciation of culture than we are. They concentrate more on it, and more Europeans have an interest in cultural subjects than Americans."

James Gerleman, finance company representative, Los Angeles:

"Basically, they are about the same. The people of Europe and America are about the same, but Europeans may be a little bit more broadminded. Because of their age, European cultures may have a greater depth."

Frances Dimitri, realtor, 2276 Torrance Blvd.:

"The cultures are very similar. I do not think the world could exist without a growing culture, and America is catching up with Europe. Europeans are not writing great operas over there now, either."

Kenneth Anderson, railway agent, 1200 Border Ave.:

"Europeans go more for serious works of music, such as operas, but they are not producing new ones now. They seem to be living in the past. Some of America's new music is not as seriously accepted as opera, but it is just as important."

Stuart Avera, utility firm manager, 1437 Marcelina:

"European culture is much superior to ours. It appears by casual observation. We're interested in day-to-day living rather than esthetic living. Each could learn from the other."